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Docket No.
15217

In Re Application Of: **Tsuyoshi Nagata, et al.**

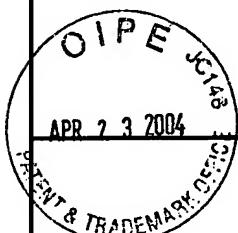
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10/051,718

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Examiner
Deborah Yee

Group Art Unit
1742

Invention: **IRON COMPONENT AND A MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR**



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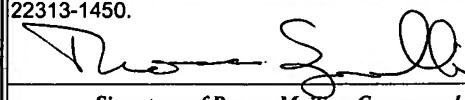
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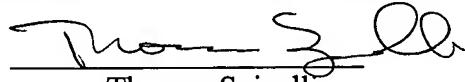
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 7-102379 dated April 18, 1995, together with English language Abstract.

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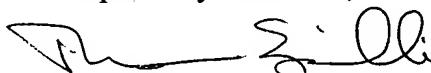
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The reference was cited in an Official Action dated March 2, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited reference, together with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the reference from the Official Action. The relevance of the reference is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), the \$180.00 fee and statement are enclosed.

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